



## **CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR COUNTY OF MONO**

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### **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED JAMES LOVETT AS MONO COUNTY ASSESSOR IN THE EVENT HE IS RECALLED BY THE VOTERS ON JUNE 3, 2008**

BY ORDER OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, A RECALL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2008, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT JAMES LOVETT SHALL BE RECALLED FROM THE OFFICE OF MONO COUNTY ASSESSOR.

AT THAT SAME ELECTION, VOTERS MAY ELECT A CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED JAMES LOVETT AS MONO COUNTY ASSESSOR IF HE IS RECALLED. THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED FOR THE UNEXPIRED REMAINDER OF MR. LOVETT'S CURRENT TERM (ENDING ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 3, 2011). (Elections Code section 11385.)

### **ELECTION INFORMATION**

**Filing Dates: FEBRUARY 11, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2008**

Not less than 75 days prior to the date of the election

**Filing Fee: \$1,073.52**

*Note: In lieu of paying the filing fee, you may submit an "in-lieu-filing-fee petition" on a form provided free of charge by the County Elections Official, containing the signatures of 661 registered voters in Mono County. Such forms are available now and may be filed beginning February 11, 2008. The last day to file such a petition is March 5, 2008.*

**Eligibility/Qualifications:** To be a candidate for the office of Assessor, you only need to be a registered voter of the County at the time that nomination papers are issued. (Gov't Code 24001.) But if elected, you must hold a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization in order to exercise the powers and duties of the office; in that regard, an elected person may exercise the powers and duties for a period not to exceed one year if he or she acquires a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board no later than 30 days after taking office. (Gov't Code 24002.5.)

**FORMS:** PERSONS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CANDIDATES MAY OBTAIN THEIR NOMINATION FORMS FROM THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL IN BRIDGEPORT BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11, 2008. DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY MAY BE FILED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11, 2008. THE FILING FEE MUST BE PAID (OR IN-LIEU-FILING-FEE PETITION FILED) AT THE TIME THE DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY IS FILED.

**COMPLETED NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL IN BRIDGEPORT NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., MARCH 20, 2008.**

**NOMINATION PAPERS WILL REQUIRE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST 20 BUT NO MORE THAN 40 OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY. UPON THE REQUEST OF A CANDIDATE, VALID**

**SIGNATURES APPEARING ON AN IN-LIEU-FILING-FEE PETITION WILL BE ACCEPTED TOWARD THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE NOMINATION PAPERS.**

**SIGNERS MAY SIGN ONLY ONE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS.**

**CANDIDATES MAY FILE A STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE SAMPLE BALLOT ANYTIME UP TO MARCH 20, 2008.**

**NOTE: CANDIDATES MUST ALSO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION FORM 700) AND ONE OR MORE OTHER FORMS PURSUANT TO THE STATE POLITICAL REFORM ACT. INFORMATION REGARDING SUCH FORMS AND THEIR FILING DEADLINES IS AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL AND THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION.**

**ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 3, 2008.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE OFFICE OF COUNTY ASSESSOR**

The Assessor is a County Officer, with the same general powers and duties of any other county officer under state law. (Gov't Code section 24000 seq.) In addition, the Assessor has a variety of special powers and duties. (See, e.g., Rev. & Tax. Code section 401 et seq.) The Assessor's primary duty is to assess (value) all property in the County that is subject to general property taxation and to prepare an assessment roll in accordance with state law requirements and regulations of the State Board of Equalization. The roll must be completed annually, on or before July 1. Among other things, the roll must contain a sworn affidavit by the Assessor attesting to his or her preparation of the roll in faithful compliance with all applicable laws and duties. (Rev. & Tax Code section 616.) To a large extent, the Assessor's activities are overseen and regulated by the State Board of Equalization.

As noted above under Election Information, a person must hold a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization in order to exercise the powers and duties of the office of Assessor; in that regard, an elected person may exercise the powers and duties for a period not to exceed one year if he or she acquires a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board no later than 30 days after taking office. (Gov't Code 24002.5.)